

10/579178

AP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 15 MAY 2006
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: § EXAMINER: Not Assigned
Mark A. Greaney, et al. §
§ GROUP ART UNIT: Not Assigned
SERIAL NO.: U.S. National Phase of §
PCT/US2004/040088 §
§ ATTY. DOCKET NO.: P2003J100
FILED: December 1, 2004 §
§
FOR: METHOD FOR REDUCING §
THE NITROGEN CONTENT §
OF PETROLEUM STREAMS §
WITH REDUCED SULFUR §
ACID CONSUMPTION §

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the fees and commencement of prosecution in this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.